



10/825,483

PATENT *3FW*IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: METZGER ET AL. Examiner: U. HO  
Serial No.: 10/825,483 Group Art Unit: 3731  
Filed: APRIL 14, 2004 Docket No.: 13033.5USC1  
Title: STIFFENING PHARYNGEAL WALL TREATMENT

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, with sufficient postage, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450 on March 28, 2006.

By: *Linda M. Beckman*  
Name: Linda M. Beckman

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 29, 2005, said period of response being extended from December 29, 2005 to March 29, 2006.

Our check in the amount of \$510.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

MERCHANT & GOULD P.C.  
P.O. Box 2903  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402-0903  
(612) 332-5300

*T. Conrad*  
Timothy R. Conrad  
Reg. No. 30,164  
TRC:lmb

Date: 3/28/06

